

MINUTES
EAU CLAIRE CITY COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE MEETING
Tuesday, April 27, 2021

City Council Chamber

4:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL

Council President Weld called the meeting to order. The following Council Members were present in-person: Kate Beaton, Emily Berge, Jill Christopherson, Terry Weld and Andrew Werthmann. The following Council Members were present remotely: Emily Anderson, Catherine Emmanuelle, Jeremy Gragert, David Klinkhammer and John Lor.

UPDATE

Update by Acting Interim City Manager Winzenz regarding City operations and local response during the COVID-19 pandemic.

CONSENT AGENDA

Council Member Christopherson requested that agenda item #18 regarding the approval of an offer to purchase for the sale of Lot 3C in Sky Park to Hulke Properties, LLC be considered separately. No objection was voiced and agenda item #18 was separated.

The Council considered a resolution adopting the Consent Agenda for the following items of routine business on Tuesday, April 27, 2021:

- Adopting the Consent Agenda.
- Approving the Minutes of the April 13, 2021 Council Legislative Session and April 20, 2021 Organizational Meeting.
- Authorizing Eau Claire United Soccer Club to conduct the Eau Claire United Soccer tournament on June 11-13, 2021 at the Eau Claire Soccer Park.
- Authorizing the Eau Claire Marathon, LLC to conduct the Eau Claire Marathon on Saturday and Sunday, September 25-26, 2021, beginning in Phoenix Park and along city streets, sidewalks, and trails.
- Authorizing the Chamber of Commerce to conduct the Eau What a Night – Party in the Park on Wednesday, May 19, 2021 in Phoenix Park.
- Granting new bartender licenses.
- Granting a Temporary Class B Fermented Malt Beverage license to Cedar Creek Community Church, Rob Gerber, President, on April 30, 2021, at 3520 Eastwind Drive, for Cedar Creek Sportsman's Banquet.
- Granting a Temporary Class B Fermented Malt Beverage and a Class B Wine license to Eau Claire Chamber Educational Foundation, Mark Faanes, President, on May 19, 2021, at 330 Riverfront Terrace, Phoenix Park Pavilion, for Eau What a Night-Party in the Park event.
- Granting a Temporary Class B Fermented Malt Beverage license to Eau Claire Events, Andy Ottum President, on September 26, 2021, at 330 Riverfront Terrace, Phoenix Park Pavilion for the Eau Claire Marathon event.

- Granting a permanent expansion of the Combination Class B Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage and a Class A Cabaret licensed premise of Caribou Enterprises, Inc., d/b/a Milwaukee Burger Company, Kelly M. Hofmann, agent, at 2620 E. Clairemont Avenue to include a 610 square foot patio.
- Granting a permanent expansion of the Reserve Combination Class B Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage and a Class A Cabaret licensed premise of Redtail Enterprises, Inc., d/b/a Northern Tap House, Gretta R. Hunt, agent, at 5020 Keystone Crossing to include a 936 square foot patio.
- Awarding a contract for Procurement No. 2021-27, Damon Street Reservoir Rehabilitation.
- Final resolution granting a petition and waiver for the construction of a retaining wall along the Alley East of Doty Street at 702 Dodge Street, Parcel No. 02-0268.
- Final resolution granting a petition and waiver for street and utility reconstruction on Mitscher Avenue, from Halsey Street to the west.
- Proclaiming May 8, 2021 as Welcome Back Bird Day in Eau Claire.
- Authorizing the write-off of uncollectible accounts receivable and delinquent personal property taxes.

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Anderson and seconded by Council Member Beaton “to adopt the consent resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

SKY PARK PROPERTY TRANSACTION

The City Council considered a resolution approving an offer to purchase for the sale of Lot 3C in Sky Park to Hulke Properties, LLC. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Berge and seconded by Council Member Christopherson “to adopt the resolution.”

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Werthmann and seconded by Council Member Lor “to postpone” to the May 24 & 25, 2021 City Council meetings. Said motion failed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Lor and Werthmann. Nay: Council Members Anderson, Beaton, Berge, Christopherson, Emmanuelle, Gragert, Klinkhammer and Weld.

A vote was then taken “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

PROCLAMATIONS & RECOGNITIONS

President Weld thanked and recognized former Council Member Mai Xiong for her dedication and service to the City of Eau Claire.

President Weld read a proclamation proclaiming Friday, April 30, 2021, as Arbor Day in the City of Eau Claire, and urging all citizens to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands and to support our city's urban forestry program; and urging all citizens to plant trees to gladden the hearts and promote the wellbeing of present and future generations.

President Weld read a proclamation recognizing May as Nurses' Month in the City of Eau Claire, and asking that all residents join in honoring the registered nurses who care for us all.

JEFFERS ROAD BRUSH SITE

The City Council considered a substitute resolution amending the City of Eau Claire Schedule of Fees and Licenses regarding Jeffers Road Brush Site, effective May 15, 2021. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Emmanuelle and seconded by Council Member Gragert “to adopt the resolution.”

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Werthmann and seconded by Council Member Beaton “to amend the proposed schedule of fees and licenses” by changing the per 30-gallon biodegradable paper bag fee to \$1. Said motion passed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Anderson, Beaton, Berge, Christopherson, Emmanuelle, Gragert, Lor, Weld and Werthmann. Nay: Council Member Klinkhammer.

A vote was then taken “to adopt the resolution” with amended proposed schedule of fees and licenses. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

GRANTS

The City Council considered a resolution of support for the City of Eau Claire to apply for an Outdoor Recreation Grant. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Klinkhammer and seconded by Council Member Lor “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a resolution accepting and appropriating a 2020 Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant from the Bureau of Justice Assistance. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Werthmann and seconded by Council Member Anderson “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing 2020 Budget Appropriations, 2020 Year-end Carryovers for the Adopted Operating Budget and 2021 Re-appropriations and appropriations. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Beaton and seconded by Council Member Berge “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

CDBG & HOME GRANTS

The City Council considered a resolution approving the 2021 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Grant funding appropriations. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Christopherson and seconded by Council Member Emmanuelle “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The City Council considered a resolution approving the 2020 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV3) funding appropriations. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Gragert and seconded by Council Member Klinkhammer “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

TID NO. 14 CREATION

The City Council considered a resolution approving the Project Plan as amended, designating boundaries for and creating Tax Incremental District No. 14, Menomonie Street. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Lor and seconded by Council Member Werthmann “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

NEW VOTING WARD

The City Council considered a resolution creating a new voting ward within the City of Eau Claire. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Anderson and seconded by Council Member Beaton “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

CITY COUNCIL VACANCY

The City Council considered a resolution approving the process to fill a vacancy on the City Council. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Berge and seconded by Council Member Christopherson “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

ZONING

The Council considered an ordinance rezoning property located at 3536 Folsom Street from R-1 to R-2P and to adopt the general development plan for twin home development (Z-1685-21). Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Christopherson and seconded by Council Member Gragert “to postpone indefinitely.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The Council considered an ordinance rezoning property located on the west side of Graff Road, south of Old Town Hall Road from TR-1A to R-1P & R-2P and to adopt the general development plan with a reduced front yard setback from 30 feet to 25 feet for single-family and twin home development (Z-1688-21). Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Emmanuelle and seconded by Council Member Gragert “to adopt the ordinance.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The Council considered an ordinance rezoning property located on the northeast corner of W. Folsom Street and N. Town Hall Road from R-1 to R-1P and R-2P and to adopt the general development plan for a reduced front yard setback from 30 feet to 25 feet for single-family and twin home development (Z-1689-21). Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Klinkhammer and seconded by Council Member Lor “to adopt the ordinance.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

The Council considered an ordinance rezoning property located at 204 Maxon Street from RM-P to CBDP and to adopt the general development plan for multi-family development (Z-1690-21). Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Werthmann and seconded by Council Member Anderson “to adopt the ordinance.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

ANNEXATION

The Council considered an ordinance annexing land to the City of Eau Claire located at Drier Court, Town of Washington, Eau Claire County, as shown on Planning Drawing No. 21-3A (Pronschinske Annexation, Petition #14375). Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Beaton and seconded by Council Member Berge “to adopt the ordinance.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

ALDERMANIC DISTRICTS

The Council considered a charter ordinance relating to the City Council and the reapportionment of the Aldermanic Districts of the City of Eau Claire (Ward 84). Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Christopherson and seconded by Council Member Emmanuelle “to adopt the ordinance.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

WATER & WASTEWATER SERVICE RATES

The Council considered an ordinance amending Title 14 entitled “Waterworks” and Title 15 entitled “Sewers and Sewerage” of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Eau Claire and amending the Schedule of Fees and Licenses to include water service and wastewater service rates and charges. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Gragert and seconded by Council Member Klinkhammer “to adopt the ordinance.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

ZONING

The City Council had first reading on an ordinance rezoning property located at 2611 Preston Road from TR-1A to R-2P and to adopt the general development plan for duplexes (Z-1691-21).

ANNEXATIONS

The City Council had first reading on an ordinance annexing land to the City of Eau Claire located on Hamilton Avenue, Town of Washington, Eau Claire County, as shown on Planning Drawing No. 21-2A (Yates Annexation, Petition #14384).

The City Council had first reading on an ordinance annexing land to the City of Eau Claire located at 2623 Preston Road, Town of Union, Eau Claire County, as shown on Planning Drawing No. 21-4A (Schippers Annexation, Petition #14383).

ALDERMANIC DISTRICTS

The City Council had first reading on a charter ordinance relating to the City Council and the reapportionment of the Aldermanic Districts of the City of Eau Claire (Ward 85).

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned without objection.

Adjournment: April 27, 2021

Time: 6:14 p.m.

ATTEST:

/s/ Terry L. Weld
Council President

/s/ Carrie L. Riepl
City Clerk